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No dormitory for patients' attendants at Cheluvamba Hospital

EARTH IS BED, SKY IS BLANKET: ***The pathetic sight of attendants of patients admitted to Cheluvamba Hospital sitting in the open ground under the trees.***

Mysuru, Sept.19 (RK&SSV)- For people accompanying pregnant women to the State-run Cheluvamba Hospital for child birth, earth is the bed and sky is a blanket. It may sound strange, but true.

A dip in mercury coupled with occasional rain is posing more problems for the people taking shelter outside the Hospital. After dark, many of them are found cuddled inside their blankets. Shady trees, stone benches and the hospital campus surrounded by cemented floors are occupied by attendants every night as they have no dormitory inside the Hospital. Those who get a space at bus stops opposite the Hospital consider themselves fortunate.

On an average, over 60-65 deliveries are done daily at the Hospital of which over 70 percent are normal. So, women from Mysuru, Hunsur, H.D. Kote, Nanjangud and some from other districts too come here as they consider this Hospital safe and cost-effective. The increased number of normal deliveries instead of Caesarean Section at the hospital has also contributed to the rise in number of women coming here for child birth.

But the plight of people accompanying pregnant women is quite horrible. The Hospital authorities do not allow anyone to stay inside the Wards with the patient to check the spread of COVID-19. The attendants, mostly family members, are called inside by doctors or nurses only when they are required. Otherwise they are forced to spend time inside the park just opposite the Hospital building exposing them to rain, hot sun and cold breeze.

Aware of such a situation, usually patient attendants carry blankets and bedspreads to rest inside the park while their dear ones are safe inside the Hospital wards. But not all attendants carry protective gears and as such, they are forced to spend their time in open weather.

It is pathetic to see a large number of people sitting inside the park with their bags and baggage day and night till their patients are discharged from the Hospital. They eat, sit and sleep below the trees under the open sky risking their health, especially amidst the COVID contagion.

(See DORMITORY on page 7)

MCC junks door-to-door e-waste collection project

Launched last year to mark PM Modi's birthday, plan shelved now as MCC does not find 'value'

E-waste dumped at Kanakagiri Waste Treatment Plant.

Mysuru, Sept. 18 (RK&BCT)- Thousands of kilograms of e-waste collected from houses, commercial and business establishments in city have not so far been disposed of and the waste is still lying with the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) as the civic body has found 'no real value' in disposing of the electronic waste to companies who have come forward to take the waste. As such, the MCC has stopped collecting e-waste from houses.

(See e-WASTE on page 7)

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Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	600
Total positive cases	:	28,677
Discharges yesterday	:	883
Total discharges	:	22,414
Deaths yesterday	:	17
Total deaths	:	667
Total active cases	:	5,596

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 19th September 2020

GSSSIETW as Nodal Centre to conduct online courses offered by IIRS-ISRO

Mysuru, Sept. 19- GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), Mysuru, has become the network institute of Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS), Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Dehradun. GSSSIETW is recognised as one of the Nodal Centres to conduct live and interactive online courses offered by IIRS-ISRO, Dehradun.

IIRS-ISRO Outreach Programme focuses on strengthening the Academia and User Segments in Space Technology and its Applications using Online Learning Platforms. The use of Remote Sensing, Geographical Information System, Global Navigation Satellite System and associated geospatial technologies is increasing rapidly, creating an urgent demand for trained manpower. The live and interactive mode of distance learning is enabled through Internet and A-view software platform developed by Amrita e-learning Lab in collaboration with Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD).

The programmes are available through internet without any cost to the user. The live and interactive sessions will be conducted by experts from IISR-ISRO and other knowledge Institutions. IIRS also conducts various theme-oriented online courses and monthly webinars on recent topics on geospatial technologies and its applications.

The faculties and students of GSSSIETW and neighbouring institutes can register the courses offered by IIRS-ISRO outreach programme by selecting GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women.

Recently, 20 students of GSSSIETW have successfully completed online course of IIRS-ISRO on "Satellite Photogrammetry and its Application" and "Applications of Geoinformatics in Ecological Studies," according to a press release from GSSSIETW Principal Dr. M. Shivakumar.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

We in India love our numbers. In the last six months, these have mostly been about COVID cases and recoveries and infection rates and tests. Each one of us has suffered from a sense of anxiety and helplessness, and incessant coverage of the rising numbers hasn't helped. We desperately needed a release. That's why the IPL is so important. It's a pan-Indian festival, so uniquely our own that each one of us associates with it in some form. No one needs to tell us to watch the IPL. We will do so voluntarily. No one will need to tell us to stay indoors, as we consume the spectacle that is starting to unfold in the UAE every evening, for the next two months. It's an unwritten stay at home order of sorts that will ease the pressure on the political class as India settles into a routine it was craving for so badly. Some are worried about the lack of fans in the stands. Frankly, it won't matter. Fans are waiting to consume the action on television and digital, and each ball bowled and run scored will be watched by millions across the country. The start of the tournament means sport in India is relevant. And to note that in an ambience of economic gloom BCCI has managed to rake in Rs. 350 crore from sponsorship speaks volumes of the robustness of the IPL brand and its relevance for the Indian market. — *Boria Majumdar in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

32-year-old man who looks like a 14-year-old teen

Krasnoyarsk: Denis Vashurin was born in 1987, but looking at him you would swear he is still a teenager.

Denis became one of the hottest topics on Russian social media after doing an interview with popular YouTube personality "Vasya na sene". People can't seem to get over how incredibly young he looks for a 32-year-old man, and Denis himself admits that whenever he reveals his age to people he doesn't know he almost always gets reactions of disbelief. That's why he prefers living in a small village in Russia's Krasnoyarsk region, instead of moving to the city. Everybody knows him there, and he gets to spend time alone doing what he likes – hunting, fishing and spending time with his girlfriend.

'Pesticide Ducks' clean rice fields of pests and stubble

Bangkok: Every year, flocks of thousands of hungry ducks are released into vast rice paddies to clean the fields of unwanted pests and rice stubble left over from last harvest.

Humanity has witnessed unprecedented technological advancements over the last few decades, but in Thailand, the world's second largest rice exporter, farmers still use a centuries old solution to keep their rice paddies in optimal condition. Every year, they rely on duck farmers to unleash thousands, sometimes tens of thousands of young ducks onto their fields, to clean them of cherry snails and apple snails, as well as weeds and leftover rice stubble. Apart from acting as a natural pesticide, the ducks also fertilize the fields with their droppings.

Ducks as young as 20 days roam rice fields for about five months every year.moving about from farm to farm before returning to a duck farm to lay eggs for about three more years.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Can B Vitamins slow cognitive decline?

In an Oxford study, B Vitamins were shown to slow and possibly reverse Alzheimer's and Cognitive impairment. One group got 800 MCG of folic acid, 20 MG of Vitamin B6 and 500 MG of Vitamin B12. The control group got a placebo. The control group had 7 times more gray matter shrinkage than the supplement group.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	69
Total positive cases	:	8,907
Total discharges	:	6,912
Total deaths	:	90
Total active cases	:	1,905

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	67
Total positive cases	:	3,354
Total discharges	:	2,589
Total deaths	:	55
Total active cases	:	699

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	44
Total positive cases	:	2,177
Total discharges	:	1,766
Total deaths	:	31
Total active cases	:	380

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	173
Total positive cases	:	13,229
Total discharges	:	9,359
Total deaths	:	238
Total active cases	:	3,632

Really...?

- ***While manatees may have more in common with dolphins or whales, they are actually related to elephants!***
- ***Jellyfish have been around longer than dinosaurs and have survived five mass extinctions!***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Dad comes to his son's room.
Dad: *Son, give me your mobile phone for a minute.*
Son: *Wait dad, let me switch it on. Girlfriend picture delete, girls number list delete. Phone call received delete,delete,delete,delete, memory card format. Phone completely reset. Here it is, dad.*
Dad: *Thanks, I just wanted to see the time.* ***Son:*** *Daaaaaaad !!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.60
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 95.10
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.04
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.14

VOICE OF THE READER

Appeal to MCC Commissioner

Sir,

This is with reference to the property tax drive to ensure Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has enough funds for development works. In this regard, I being a law-abiding citizen, have been paying property taxes up to date.

But this year I am really disappointed the way it's being managed. I made five visits to the MCC Zonal Office and every visit I was given many reasons such as the officer-in-charge of the Ward is on field work, in a training, in a meeting at the head office, attending colleague's funeral and finally when I was able to get hold of him, I was told the printers are not working. The pathetic condition of the ill-equipped offices, poorly trained officers add much to the trouble.

In the midst of this pandemic it is really risky to wander out, but I still see senior citizens are willing to take the risk and come out to promptly pay their taxes but the MCC officers and offices are not co-operating. It is a digital world so at least make it easy for citizens by introducing online payment of taxes like BBMP since MCC officers are 'incapable' of managing this.

One more thing I noticed was the officers-in-charge arrive in office only after 12 noon and there is no COVID-19 precautions. People without masks are allowed to enter including the staff. I think MCC Commissioner must fix all these drawbacks before committing on a deadline to collect taxes.

—C. Pallavi

Mysuru
18.9.2020

Obituary

Sanalilla Shariff

Mysuru, Sept. 19- Sanalilla Shariff (74), retd. KSRTC employee and a resident of Udayagiri here, passed away yesterday. Son of late Ahmed Shariff, Sanalilla Shariff leaves behind his wife, two daughters, a son and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held at Bilal Masjid at Zohar today, according to a press release.

K.N. Nagabhushanrao Kutnikar

K.N. Nagabhushanrao Kutnikar (64), a resident of K.R. Mohalla (Madhavachar Road), passed away yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife Dhanalakshmi, sons Rajesh and Bharat, daughter Shruthi, son-in-law and a host of relatives and friends.

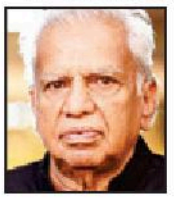
Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday, according to a press release.

Chikkamma

Chikkamma (73), a resident of Railway Layout in Vijayanagar 1st Stage here, passed away yesterday. She leaves behind three sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam yesterday.

L. Ramaswamy



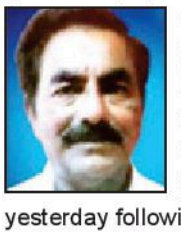
L. Ramaswamy (86), retd. Railway employee and a resident of Ittigegud here, passed away yesterday.

He had served as the Founder-Treasurer of Ittigegud (Indiranagar) Veera Madiwalara Sangha and as the organiser of Mysuru Division of Rajya Madiwalara Sangha.

He leaves behind three sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this morning, according to a press release.

A.S. Boregowda



Bharathinagar: A.S. Boregowda (67), Founder of Prashanth School of Brilliance and a native of Alabhujanahalli, passed away yesterday following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife Parvathamma, sons Medical Officer (Dental) Dr. Jaiprakash and Prashanth School Head Prashanth Babu and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at his native place, according to a press release.

Strengthen all State and District Hospitals: Siddu tells BSY

- Blames Govt. for spike in Corona positive cases
- 40 recovered patients donate Plasma in Mysuru

Mysuru, Sept.19 (SPN&SSV)- Leader of Opposition in the State Legislative Assembly Siddharamaiah has flayed the State Government for its failure to tackle COVID-19 situation resulting in the explosion of positive cases across the State.

He was speaking after inaugurating 'Plasma Donation' camp organised by KPCC Doctors' Cell, Mysuru, at Quba COVID-19 Care Centre in city yesterday.

Siddharamaiah said the District Hospital was converted into COVID Hospital over six months ago but basic facilities and medical equipment have not been provided from time to time.

The Coronavirus epidemic would have been well within the check had the Central Government clamped a scientific lockdown instead of general lockdown in March this year. Both the State and Union Governments have totally failed to manage the situation, Siddharamaiah added.

He said the ventilators were not available for Corona positive patients with breathing problems. But, the State Government was claiming to have spent crores of rupees on purchase of COVID-19 equipment. Negligence of the Ministers concerned has denied treatment to the common people.

"I also tested positive for Corona recently and recovered after treatment. I have understood the importance of wearing face mask, shield, using the sanitiser and maintaining a safe distance to keep the pandemic away. Now at least the Government must wake up and strengthen all State and District Hospitals where hundreds of patients are being treated," Siddharamaiah, who is also the former Chief Minister, said.

MLA Tanveer Sait, MLC R. Dharmasena, Deputy Mayor Sridhar, ex-MLA M.K. Somashekar, KPCC Women's Wing President Dr. Pushpa Amarnath, ex-Mayor Ayub Khan, KPCC Doctors' Cell Mysuru Division office-bearer Dr. Raghavendra, Mysuru Rural Congress Doctors' Division President Dr. B. Pradeep, General Secretary Dr. Bharath Kumar, Dr. Vanitha, Dr. Harshavardhan, Dr. Shazia Sultan, COVID Care Centre's Shahab ur Rehman and doctors from K.R. Hospital were present.

As many as 40 Corona recovered patients donated plasma at the camp.

Govt. doctors call off stir, resume duty

Bengaluru, Sept.19 (KMS & SSV)- Government doctors have called off their four-day stir yesterday after the fruitful talks with representatives of Karnataka Government Medical Officers Association (KGMOA) and Health Minister B. Sriramulu.

The State Government has agreed to meet all the demands of the Government doctors including hike in salary and other emoluments. "The meeting with the protesting doctors was fruitful. Approval has been given to meet their demand," Sriramulu tweeted after the meeting with KGMOA office-bearers.

Though it will be an additional burden on the State exchequer to the extent of Rs. 125 crore annually, the Government will manage it, the Minister said.

According to Department officials, around 4,000 Government doctors were on token strike. They had threatened to boycott OPD services from next Monday if their demands were not met.

Meanwhile, Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar had exuded confidence that the doctors will resume duty by understanding the current pandemic situation.

SJCE Professor passes away

Rajashekhara

Mysuru, Sept. 19- Prof. S. Rajashekhara (58), Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering at Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering (SJCE) and a resident of Kuvempunagar, passed away on Sept. 17 in city following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife Chitra, parents and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Vidyaranyapuram Burial Grounds on the same day (Sept. 17), according to sources.

Prof. S. Rajashekhara joined SJCE in 1984 as a lecturer and was instrumental in setting up the CAD Centre and Lab during 1987.

He completed his Master's Degree at IIT Kharagpur in 1990. Prof. Rajashekhara served for 34 years at SJCE and was also an alumnus of SJCE.

NEWS BRIEFS

Entries invited

The Karnataka Sangeeta Nritya Academy has invited entries from authors of music and dance books for awarding 'Best Book' prize (2020-21). Authors of Karnatak, Hindustani, Sugama Sangeetha, Katha-Keertana, Gamaka music and dance books, whose works were first published between January and December 2019 can send entries. The works should not be text books or edited ones and must be self-written. Interested authors can send their entries along with three copies of their works to the Registrar, Karnataka Sangeeta Nritya Academy, Kannada Bhavan, J.C. Road, Bengaluru, before Sept. 30. The prescribed application forms can be obtained from the Office of Kannada and Culture Department Asst. Director in all districts or can be downloaded from the Academy's website: https://karnatakasangeetanrityaacademy.com, according to a press release from the Academy Registrar Banashankari V. Angadi.

Cash prize for students

Mysuru mattu Chamarajanagar Jilla Veerashaiva-Lingayata Mathadhipatigala Goshti will be awarding cash prizes to the Veerashaiva-Lingayat students of both the districts who have secured high marks in SSLC exams, both State and Central syllabus. Eligible economically backward students may apply before Sept. 30. For details, contact C. Mahadevaprasad on Mob: 94490-30588.

Kodava Thakk & Sahithya Divasa

Kodava Samaja, Mysuru, will be celebrating the birth anniversary of Haradasa Appaneravanda Appacha Kavi on Sept. 21 at 11 am as Kodava Thakk and Sahithya Divasa at the Samaja premises, according to a release.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	124.73 ft
Yesterday	124.74 ft
Inflow	7,497 cusecs
Outflow	7,450 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,283.92 ft
Inflow	4,165 cusecs
Outflow	3,813 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,858.65 ft
Inflow	2,981 cusecs
Outflow	1,500 cusecs

Housing Board's 122 sites up for grabs in Kesare

Last date for submitting documents is Sept. 25

Mysuru, Sept. 19 (BCT)- The Karnataka Housing Board (KHB) has called for applications from general public for allotment of 122 residential sites at Kasaba hobli in Kesare village.

The KHB has issued a notification in this regard on Aug. 26 and has stated that the layouts have been well developed with all amenities. It is a joint venture by KHB and MRPL Vedapuram at Survey numbers 278/1, 278/2, 279/2, 280/2, 281/1, 281/3, 282/1 and 282/2. The sites are located in old Kesare, next to Rajivnagar Third Stage.

Many of the sites have already been allotted and 122 sites are remaining to be allotted, stated the notification which mentions that the last date for submitting documents is Sept. 25.

The sites are a combination of 38 6X9-metre EWS, 41 9X12-metre LIG, 42 12X18-metre HIG-I and one 15X24 metre HIG-II. There are separate registration fee for different dimensions of sites that range from Rs. 300 to Rs. 1,500 and the site rates are between Rs. 700 - Rs. 1,470 per square feet.

For the EWS sites, the initial deposit that has to be paid is Rs. 25,000, for LIG it is Rs. 50,000, for HIG-I it has been fixed at Rs. 1 lakh and for HIG-II, the initial deposit is Rs. 1,25,000.

Applications are being given and accepted at Bank of Baroda (Old Vijaya Bank) in Vijayanagar First Stage, Office of the Executive Engineer, KHB, Saraswathipuram and Bank of Baroda, K.B. Sangha Building, Third Main, Third Cross, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru. Applications can be obtained from the above mentioned offices by paying Rs. 100 and the duly filled-in applications, along with Demand Draft of registration fees and initial deposit, must be submitted at the addresses before Sept. 25. The Demand Draft shall be drawn in favour of KHB and MRPL Vedapuram.

The notification says that allotment will be done as per category-wise reservation and Rule 9 of KHB Allotment Regulation Act 1983 and as per allotment rules. The applicant applied for allotment under reservation quota — SC, ST, Defence, Ex-servicemen, Central and State Government employees, senior citizen and physically challenged — should submit relevant certified documents along with the applications.

The sites will be allotted through lottery system and the applicant should submit an affidavit declaring that he/she, spouse or minor children have not been allotted any site or house by the KHB or by any other Authority in Karnataka.

The annual income of the applicant residing in urban area who is applying under EWS category should not be more than Rs. 87,600 per annum and for the applicant in rural area should not be more than Rs. 32,000 per annum. The income certificate obtained in this regard from the Tahsildar should be enclosed along with the applications.

The KHB notification stated that the allotment will be done on outright sale basis and the number of sites notified is subject to change. In case the property is not allotted, the initial deposit amount paid along with applications would be refunded without any interest to the applicants.

If the allottees reject the sites alter the allotment or if the allottees do not pay the cost of the property within the stipulated time or due to any other reasons, the KHB will cancel the allotment. In such cases, 25 percent of the initial deposit will be deducted and balance amount will be refunded.

For details, contact Assistant Executive Engineer, KHB Mysuru on Ph: 0821-2543237 or Revenue Officer, Allotment Section, KHB, Bengaluru on Ph: 080-22273511 (Extn-335).

Railway Mazdoor Union opposes privatisation, holds awareness prog.

'Rail Bachao - Desh Bachao'

Mysuru, Sept. 19 (MTY&DM)- The South Western Railway Mazdoor Union has strongly opposed the Government's move to privatise Indian Railways.

Addressing a 'Rail Bachao - Desh Bachao' public awareness programme at the Union office near the City Railway Station yesterday, the Union's Mysuru Division President S. Somashekar said that Indian Railways, founded in 1853, has been serving the Indian population round the clock and has become an integral part of every individual travelling within the country with its dedicated service.

Pointing out that Indian Railways is amongst the world's largest rail network with 1,15,000 track kilometres spread over 7,349 Stations distributed in 17 Zones, he said that the public, who are important stake holders of the Railways must strongly oppose privatisation moves in the better interest of the nation.

Claiming that the Centre is making moves to privatise Railways by handing over 150 trains and 50 Stations to private players, Somashekar said that the Government has begun Corporatisation of all Railway Production Units, sale/ lease of land belonging to the Railways to private parties and privatisation of Stations.

Mysuru District Teachers Association Vice-President Sanjay addressing a 'Rail Bachao - Desh Bachao' public awareness programme at the Union office near the City Railway Station yesterday as others look on.

Stating that a 13-lakh strong workforce is striving for the growth of Railways, he said that there are 7,000 personnel serving in Mysuru Division.

Noting that the Indian Railways is operating 12,600 passenger trains carrying 23 million passengers and 7,421 freight trains carrying 3 million metric tonnes of goods daily, Somashekar contended that Railways is the cheapest and safest means of public transport. When such is the situation, the Centre's privatisation moves is deplorable and condemnable.

He wanted the public, who are also the stakeholders, to support the 'Rail Bachao - Desh Bachao' campaign and thus save the Railways from privatisation.

Mysuru District Teachers Association Vice-President Sanjay, Mysuru District Journalists Association General Secretary K.J. Lokesh Babu and Indian Railway Mail Service Association President Tulajappa too spoke.

South Western Railway Mazdoor Union Office-bearers Shivaprakash, Arthur Fernandes, Indian Railway Mail Service Association office-bearers Shivakumar, Nagendra and others were present during the awareness programme.

Anand Mahindra keeps his promise; delivers vehicle

Brand-new SUV handed over in Mysuru to Dakshinamurthy Krishna Kumar who travelled pan India with his mother on a scooter

Mysuru, Sept. 19 (PM&BCT)- 'Promises are meant to be broken' goes a saying. But for Anand Mahindra, Chairman of Mahindra and Mahindra Group, promises are to be kept and fulfilled.

Anand Mahindra

As per his promise, he has delivered a vehicle to city's Dakshinamurthy Krishna Kumar who has successfully taken his 70-year-old mother Choodarathna on a Bharat Darshan Yatra or Mathru Seva Sankalpa Yatra on a 2000-model scooter.

After a two-year-eight-month pan India temple run on a scooter and covering 56,522 kilometres through four countries Dakshinamurthy Krishna Kumar and his mother Choodarathna returned to their house at Bogadi on Sept. 16. In the course of their spiritual sojourn, the mother-son duo travelled across India and even visited Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Myanmar.

The mother and son duo started their journey on Jan. 16, 2018. Their journey had caught the attention of Anand Mahindra who had tweeted months ago that he will gift a Mahindra KUV 100 NXT. As per the promise, the vehicle, worth more than Rs. 9 lakh, was delivered to Krishna Kumar.

The mother-son duo was asked to visit the Mahindra showroom at Hinkal. Choodarathna and Krishna Kumar were received well and honoured before handing over the keys of the vehicle registered as KA-11-N-4911.

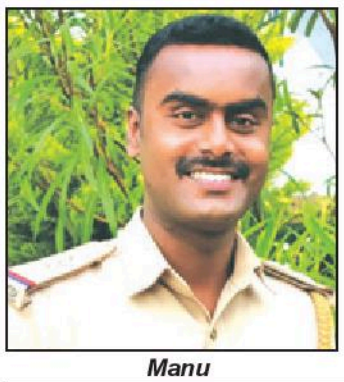
The keys of the SUV were handed over by showroom General Manager K. Sukeerthi. So far, the vehicle was not handed over as the mother-son duo was on a transit and also due to COVID-19.

"Krishna Kumar and his mother were travelling when Anand Mahindra tweeted that he would gift the vehicle. We waited for him to come to Mysuru. We registered the vehicle in Mandya as Krishna Kumar hails from Srirangapatna though they are settled at Bogadi in Mysuru," Sukeerthi told *Star of Mysore*.

Accepting the vehicle, Krishna Kumar said that he was humbled by the gift. "This gesture is noble and I have never expected. I would like to call Anand Mahindra as the king among gift-givers. May God give him more strength to serve the humanity and gift more and more," he said.

Two sons of farm labourer become Police Sub-Inspectors

They rejected the ST quota and wrote the exams under General Merit category


Manu

Vinu

Hanagodu, Sept. 19 (Mahesh &DM)- Two youths hailing from a poor family that survives on the meagre money earned from farm labour have scripted a success story by becoming Police Sub-Inspectors. The family now hopes to see a better future.

They hail from Boodithittu village near Hunsur and they have achieved this appointment through sheer determination and hard work after overcoming all obstacles and shortcomings. Even the income from farms is seasonal and the family works in farm only for a few months. The rest of the year, they work as labourers for daily wages.

Manu and Vinu, sons of farm labourer Karinayaka and Sharadamma couple of Boodithittu located along the border of Nagarahole National Park, are the ones who have scripted the success story and also brought laurels to the school which they studied.

Their achievement is more notable because both of them were selected to the post under General Merit category, despite having had the option of reservation under ST quota.

Brothers Manu and Vinu, after having their elementary education at Boodithittu Government School, studied PUC at Periyapatna Government PU College and Degree at Maharaja's College, Mysuru.

After completion of his degree, Manu, the eldest of the two brothers, took up

Karinayaka

Sharadamma

the written exam for Police Sub-Inspector (PSI) recruitment in 2014 under General Merit Category and passed out with flying colours, securing 30th rank among the successful candidates.

After undergoing training at Mysuru's Police Training Academy, he is currently serving as a PSI at a Police Station near Bengaluru. His younger brother Vinu too followed him and passed out in the PSI written exam held in 2019, in which he secured 89th rank under General Merit category for recruitment to 300 posts.

It is significant to note here that both of them chose to let go of ST reservation to which they were rightfully entitled to.

Villagers of Boodithittu, who are delighted with the achievement of two sons of their own village, are hopeful that the two, who studied only in Government School and College, will bring more laurels to both the village and the taluk, serving the Police Department.

However, Karinayaka, the proud father of the two PSIs, not forgetting his past, continues to earn his livelihood as a street vendor, running a small business as farming activity has not yet picked up in his village.

Shikshak Parv: Webinar on promotion of Indian Languages

Mysuru, Sept. 19- The Ministry of Education (earlier known as Ministry of Human Resource Development) is conducting *Shikshak Parv,* a series of Webinars to highlight the salient features of the New Education Policy (NEP-2020).

Language is an important component of education policy and the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) works for the promotion of all Indian languages.

As part of Ministry's programme, CIIL organised a webinar on Sept. 16 focusing the promotion of Indian languages from the perspective of NEP. The objective of this webinar was to highlight the language components of NEP-2020.

Four eminent scholars delivered insights on NEP-2020 in the webinar presided by Prof. D.G. Rao, Director, CIIL.

The expert speakers included Prof. Udaya Narayan Singh and Prof. Awadesh Kumar Mishra (both former Directors of CIIL), *Padma Shri* Prof. Anvita Abbi and eminent Dravidian linguist Prof. G. Umamaheshwara Rao.

The themes of their talk are as follows:

1. The Scope for the Promotion of Indian Languages in NEP-2020; **2.** Conservation of Language Ecology and Indigenous Cultures; **3.** Sustaining Mother Tongues and Medium of Instruction; **4.** Development of Technology for Indian Languages.

Dr. Narayan Kumar Choudhary, Coordinator, welcomed while Prof. P. Umarani introduced the speakers. Dr. Tariq Khan moderated the queries and proposed a vote of thanks, according to a press release from Narayan Kumar Choudhary, Assistant Director (Admin.) In-charge.

Financial aid for education

Mysuru, Sept. 19- The Union Ministry of Labour and Employment has invited online applications from children of Beedi, Limestone quarry, Dolomite mine, Iron ore mine, Manganese ore mine and cinema workers, for providing financial assistance for their education.

Children of workers studying in Pre-Matric and Post-Matric classes can apply online before Oct. 31.

The schools and colleges are required to scrutinise all the received applications within Nov. 15.

Eligible students can apply through the National Scholarship website: *https://scholarships.gov.in*

For details, contact helpline: 0120-6619540 or e-mail to: *helpdesk@nsp.gov.in or wclwoblr-ka@nic.in,* according to a press release.

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COVID Warrior in plain sight

Octogenarian Srinivas Tantri

His team

Working at the factory

As COVID-19 rages on and ravages our lungs, the demand for oxygen is at an all-time high. So high that the Indian Society of Critical Care Medicine's Karnataka Chapter has stated that oxygen cylinders will not be enough and recommends that the Government invest in liquid oxygen tanks in Hospitals with more than 150-200 beds. More importantly, procuring oxygen cylinders in small cities like ours is becoming as important, if not more important than ventilators.

The demand for oxygen in our city has increased manifolds as more and more patients are being put on "oxygen beds." While our city has quite a few suppliers of this much-needed element, one-man stands out, not because of his oxygen is special, but his commitment level is.

Thirty-eight-years-ago, in 1982, **Srinivas Tantri** sat down for his morning coffee and news. He opened the newspaper and a headline jumped at him. It read, *"Shortage of Oxygen in K.R. Hospital, patients die."* Srinivas was disturbed and shocked that people suffocated to death because they could not get the basic life support — oxygen. And that day, that headline changed his life.

Srinivas Tantri had moved to Mysuru from Mangaluru after his B.Com. Even though he had got a job in Canara Bank, Mumbai, he did not take it up as he says he didn't care for the job, he wanted to be a Post-Graduate more. While studying his M.Com at Manasagangothri, he used to perform at various events as he was a trained Hindustani classical singer. At one such event, **Anand Rao** of *Ganesh Beedi* noticed him, spoke to him and later offered him a job as the Manager of Anjana Match Factory, which he was running. Srinivas did a good job and soon the benevolent Anand Rao made him a Partner! This was in 1971.

The enterprising Srinivas then opened his own light bulb factory called 'Venus Lamps' which he shut down in 1995. It was while running this bulb factory that he read that newspaper headline which sent him on his oxygen journey.

So in 1982, Srinivas Tantri collected his savings and paid up Rs. 1 lakh as deposit to a company in Coimbatore to get "air compressor" filled oxygen cylinders to supply to Mysuru Hospitals. Recalling the days when oxygen was in short supply he says when he visited Mission Hospital to solicit business for his oxygen cylinders, the then Chief of the Hospital Dr. John Eswaraiah came out from the Operation Theatre and placed an order.

Srinivas later went on to set up Mysuru's first centralised gas supply pipeline at JSS Hospital, then Gopala Gowda Shanthaveri Memorial Hospital and Kamakshi Hospital. Now, he has a factory in Yadavagiri where he fills cylinders with medical oxygen, using liquid oxygen that he gets from Bengaluru.

Speaking of COVID, he says up until the month of May 2020 the demand was only for 25-30 cylinders a day but now it has shot up to 200 cylinders a day and he has ordered 150 new cylinders from Gujarat as the demand seems to be increasing. But what makes him special is that even today, at the peak of COVID pandemic, when most octogenarians are hiding out, this 80-year-old man runs the only 24x7 Oxygen Supply Unit and it runs 365 days !

When asked what drives him to come to work in these COVID times he says, *"If I'm not working now when I'm most needed, then what's the point. When asked if he has help, he says, "My son is well-settled in Infosys, so he does not want this, but I have very good workers so I manage. And I like working. Being useful."*

Speaking of his "secret to good health" and, as he puts it "staying in working condition" he says, he follows the old Kannada proverb, *"Maathu Ballavanige Jagalavilla, Oota Ballavanige Rogavilla"*, which means "One who knows how to talk will have no fights and one who knows what to eat will have no sickness." He says he rarely eats out and hardly ever eats oily food, while adding "oh! and one should keep busy, have a purpose or passion."

Srinivas Tantri's attitude reminds us of the difference between interest and commitment — *"When you are interested in doing something, you do it only when it's convenient. When you are committed to something, you accept no excuses; only results."* Tantri has been committed and the result of his commitment is, as he puts it, *"Sir, I'm proud to say since I've opened my oxygen supply that headline has never repeated itself. No one has died because of shortage of oxygen in our city."* Ah! Reminds us, commitment is what turns work into work ethic!

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MCC junks e-waste

A file photo of e-waste collection in Vijayanagar.

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Speaking at the monthly meeting of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) in city recently, MCC Environment Engineer Madhukar said that the e-waste collected from the nook and corner of the city on 17th of every month has not been disposed of.

"MCC had called for companies for expression of interest to dispose of e-waste and over four to five firms had expressed willingness to dispose of e-waste. After assessment, the MCC found that there was no real value recovery and hence it did not materialise," he stated.

The system of e-waste collection in Mysuru was launched in city on Sept. 17 last year as part of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday. The collected waste includes batteries, computers, keyboards, mobile phones, obsolete electronic equipment, television sets, tube lights, chargers and printers.

"We have discontinued the practice of e-waste collection. E-waste cannot be given to any other individuals as it has to be handled only by authorised persons. MCC is taking the help of Karnataka State Pollution Control Board to dispose of the e-waste. They come under the category of hazardous waste and should be managed separately. But since no facility is available in Mysuru, these waste which reach processing plants eventually end up in landfill sites," Madhukar said.

Garbage hurdles

On garbage collection, Madhukar said that Mysuru city produces around 450 tonnes of garbage every day and 90 to 95 percent of the garbage is centrally processed at Excel Solid Waste Management Plant at Vidyaranyapuram.

"Waste treatment plants at Zone 1 and 2 Vidyaranyapuram and J.P. Nagar are functioning, Zone 3 is in University of Mysore campus and the operation is outsourced for garbage produced within the campus, in Zone 4 Gokulam which is next to the crematorium, the plant is not functioning due to resistance from local residents and in Zone 5 Kumbarakoppal, it is a 'Model Plant' and is working efficiently," he revealed.

Kesare plant not working

The Zone 6-7 waste treatment plant at Jodi Thenginamara is not operational to its full capacity and MCC has plans to restart operations. Zone 8-9 plant at Kesare is also operational but due to its own operational problems the plant is not workings to its capacity. "The MCC has already floated tenders for setting up Kesare Compost Plant of 200 tonnes per day capacity," Madhukar added.

The MCC has 43 dry waste collection centres spread across the city. Full-fledged material recovery facility (MRF) is not available in Mysuru," he added.

However, MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraju told *Star of Mysore* that the MCC has not stopped e-waste collection on the 17th of every month. "Electronic waste is being collected in six zones. Of course, the collection has declined of late. We have stored the e-waste in many zero waste management plants and the waste will be auctioned once in six months," he said.

MGP office-bearers

Mysuru, Sept. 19- There is a slight reshuffle in the Executive Committee (EC)of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP). K.S. Shiva Shankar has resigned from the post of Secretary, but will continue to be on the EC. N.S. Pradeep Kumar has been elected the new Secretary. The office-bearers are as follows: Dr. B.V. Shiva Murthy - President, C.R.Aswathanarayana - Working President, N.S.Pradeep Kumar - Secretary, K.V.Ramanath - Treasurer, Sreemathi Hariprasad, Jayalakshmi Srinivasan, K.S. Shiva Shankar, B.Choudhury and S.V. Raghavendra- EC Members.

As 30 MPs test positive, Parliament may cut short Monsoon Session

New Delhi, Sept. 19 (UNI& Agencies)- With more than 30 MPs testing positive over the last week, there is a palpable sense of concern and apprehension in Parliament over the spread of COVID. The situation has prompted stricter protocol and raised the possibility of the ongoing Monsoon Session being wound up next week.

According to sources, if the Bills for which 11 ordinances were promulgated during the lockdown are passed by both Houses, the Session may be cut short. Sources said the Government is expected to push these Bills in the first half of next week. At least two Opposition MPs said the session could be concluded by the middle of next week.

Both the Houses will conduct Sessions over this weekend, including an unprecedented Sunday session — Lok Sabha had sat on Saturday (today) for the Union Budget on Feb. 1. While the Government has already passed supplementary demands for grants, the Lok Sabha is yet to take up the Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) 2020. At the moment, the Session, which began on Sept. 14, is officially scheduled to conclude on Oct. 1.

The new COVID protocols, which will cover MPs, media persons and Parliamentary staff, include mandatory daily antigen tests and wearing of masks, and entry restrictions for former MPs, MLCs, MLAs and family members or personal guests.

Besides, officials accompanying Ministers during discussions on Bills have to show a negative report from RT-PCR tests taken within 72 hours before their visit to the complex. Fresh directions are being issued on a daily basis through the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha bulletins, too.

Currently, members of both Houses have been undergoing RT-PCR tests at regular intervals on a voluntary basis, said a senior Parliament official — there is no limit on these tests.

Media persons in press galleries also have the option to undergo the RT-PCR test, which is valid for 72 hours.

No dormitory

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Heritage rules

Since Cheluvamba Hospital building has been declared as a heritage structure, no new building is allowed within its surrounding area.

Though the previous Government allowed the construction of a building to house Indira Canteen near the Hospital, permission was not granted to build a dormitory.

However, K.R. Hospital, which is next to the Cheluvamba Hospital, has an exclusive dormitory for attendants of patients and there is a growing demand for such a facility at Cheluvamba Hospital that gives the best medical facilities and that too free for women.

There are good facilities available for doctors, nurses and other Hospital staff but no space has been made for attendants of patients.

Dormitory planned

When contacted, Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj, Dean and Director, Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI), told *Star of Mysore*, "There is a Nursing Hostel just behind the Cheluvamba Hospital. The construction of boys and girls Under-Graduate Hostel is going on. If we find space, the nurses will be accommodated in that hostel. Then the existing Nursing Hostel could be converted into dormitory where patient attendants can be accommodated."

According to him, the Police have identified the K.R. Hospital premises as a dangerous hotspot due to illegal activities.

"To check this, we have planned to increase the height of the existing wall and tighten security at a cost of Rs. 30 lakh," Dr. Nanjaraj added.

Three youths killed as two bikes collide

Mysuru, Sept.19 (RK&DM)- In a ghastly road accident, three youths, all in their early twenties were killed in a head-on collision between two motorcycles that took place near Tenkanakoppalu in Bilikere Hobli of Hunsur Taluk last evening.

The deceased have been identified as Nithin (22) of Kommegowdanakoppalu, Ramachandra (22) of Tenkanakoppalu and an unidentified youth, who is said to be from Yelwal near Mysuru.

Four youths were travelling on two bikes when the speeding vehicles collided head-on near Tenkanakoppalu at about 6.30 pm yesterday. All the four sustained serious injuries in the accident and were rushed to a private hospital in Mysuru.

Two of them died late last night while another succumbed to his injuries this morning. The condition of the fourth youth, who is undergoing treatment in the Hospital, is said to be critical. The jurisdictional Bilikere Police have registered a case.

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ಅಂತರ್ಜಾಲ ಮೂಲಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (e-procurement)

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JSS Mysore Urban Haat Handicrafts Mela and Rajasthan Grameen Mela begin

Executive Secretary of JSS Mahavidyapeetha Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, who inaugurated JSS Mysore Urban Haat Handicrafts Mela at Urban Haat premises in Hebbal last evening, is seen taking a look at the materials on display. Director of JSS Technical Education Dr. C. Ranganathaiah, Director of Horticulture - JSS Mahavidyapeetha S. Shivashankarappa and Assistant Director of Handicrafts Services Centre K.S. Sunil Kumar were present on the occasion. Picture right shows visitors at the expo. The Crafts Mela will be open to public from 10 am to 9 pm till Sept. 27.

MLA L. Nagendra, who inaugurated the Rajasthan Grameen Mela - an expo-cum-sale of dress materials, sarees, handicrafts, etc., at Jayamma Govindegowda Kalyana Mantapa in Kuvempunagar on Sept. 16, is seen taking a look at the items on display. Picture right shows visitors at the expo. The Grameen Mela will be open to public from 10 am to 9.30 pm till Sept. 27.

MCC's 2016 ban on plastic rule still remains on paper

Mysuru, Sept. 19 (BCT)- Ban on single use plastic remains on paper because it continues to be widely in use in markets across Mysuru. For vegetables, fruits, fish or other eatables many shops still continue to pack them in plastic carry bags. Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) had set up teams for ensuring effective implementation of the ban but the civic body is unable to control the menace.

Speaking at the monthly meeting of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) in city recently, MCC Environment Engineer Madhukar said that despite raids on various godowns in Mysuru, still single use plastic and non-woven poly propylene are freely available everywhere.

"MCC is still not able to track the source of these materials. It can be reduced only when public avoid using such materials. If they find any one selling or distributing such materials, their vehicles numbers can be noted and complaint given to MCC," he said.

It may be recalled here that in 2016, the State Government issued a gazette notification banning the sale and use of several plastic products in the State. Soon, the MCC announced that manufacture, sale and use of plastic products mentioned in the notification stand prohibited in

the city as well.

Till 2016, use of plastic bags thinner than 40 microns was banned. But as per the new rules, a total ban on plastic carry bags irrespective of their thickness was enforced.

As per the MCC notification issued in 2016, shopkeepers, vendors, wholesalers, retailers, traders and hawkers should not use carry bags, banners, buntings, flexes, flags, plates, and spoons and cups made from plastic. Plastic sheets used on dining tables and thermocol products too had been banned, and their manufacture and sale now restricted in city. The notification said that no industry or person should manufacture, supply, store, transport, sell or distribute the products mentioned.

However, the rules have remained on paper with name-sake implementation. Saahas Waste Management, a Bengaluru based NGO, had previously trained Pourakarmikas on plastic waste handling. "They managed to get funds under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for plastic waste management to establish a Material Recovery Facility (MRF) at Hootagalli.

This facility is presently segregating the waste effectively by installing conveyor belts and bailing units. The MCC has proposed two similar MRF facility. Once it is approved, the plant will be ready in 60 to 90 days and each plant requires Rs. 45 to Rs. 50 lakh," Madhukar added.

ATM looted with gas-cutter, Rs. 12.86 lakh gone

Mysuru, Sept. 19 (SPN& BCT)- A gang of unidentified men broke open an ATM machine belonging to HDFC Bank at Hootagalli Industrial Area after Thursday midnight. They made away with Rs. 12.86 lakh cash while no security guard had been deployed at the kiosk, the Police said.

Interestingly, the miscreants used a gas-cutter to break the machine and escaped with the cash. The incident came to light yesterday morning. The ATM kiosk is attached to Rane Madras Factory and the Police suspect that the thieves would have broken into the cash machine at 1 am on Friday.

It was a well-planned robbery and as the gang entered the ATM kiosk, they painted the outer surface of CCTV camera and later broke the camera with stones. They later cut the heavy-metal machine with gas cutter and stole Rs. 12.86 lakh from the cash chests.

After the loot, the thieves abandoned the gas cutter and other tools and decamped with the money. A case has been registered at Vijayanagar Police Station.

As the miscreants closed the shutter of the kiosk during and after the theft, none noticed that the machine was broken into. Also, the place is deserted after 6 pm as all the factory workers would leave for their homes.

Vijayanagar Police, along with fingerprints experts and a dog squad, rushed to the spot to gather information. "We are looking into various clues and will examine CCTV camera footages before the theft if we can ascertain the identity of the thieves and they might have observed that there was no security guard and would have conducted a recce for many days before the criminal act," a Police officer told *Star of Mysore*. No customer came to withdraw money at the time, especially because it was late in the night and the shutter was downed by the gang. "We will also check the footages from nearby buildings and factories for leads," the officer added.

Local residents said that the bank has not named a security guard at the ATM. "As per rules, if any bank branch is unable to provide security men 24X7 at ATMs, it must close them after 10 pm while keeping the other ATMs of the bank open in areas where there is constant movement of people. As the robbery took place at 1 am, the thieves made sure that there was no one around and committed the crime," local residents said.

Katti terms BSY as 'Shivamogga CM'

Umesh Katti *B.S. Yediyurappa*

Bengaluru, Sept. 19 (SSV)- Senior BJP leader and MLA Umesh Katti accused Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa (BSY) of acting like the 'CM of Shivamogga District.'

Talking to a media here yesterday, he alleged that the CM has totally neglected the State development in the midst of COVID-19 and drugs scam. The State machinery has come to a grinding halt and North Karnataka districts were denied of development.

"In view of this, I have decided to contest the next Assembly election as an independent candidate and not on BJP ticket," he said.

Katti challenged to see the documents to check the amount of money being released to Shivamogga district in the last one year. This shows that Yediyurappa was more bothered about the development of his home district than of the State. Works in MLA Constituencies were not happening in the Government level but the works of only a few individuals were sanctioned. Hitherto, they were coming to Bengaluru to get the works pertaining to their Constituencies cleared and now they have stopped as it was of no use, Katti observed.

Even several years after the final verdict of the Bachawat Commission, no Government was interested to utilise its additional share of water. This kind of negligence on the part of the Government had given a thought whether they wanted such a Government. The height of Almatti Dam must be increased in order to utilise hundreds of tmc ft of water. But nothing has been done to mitigate drinking water problems in North Karnataka region.

The Government required Rs.2 lakh crore to complete all pending projects in Krishna Basin, he added. Katti said the Coronavirus and the drugs scandal have become important for the Government and rest of the issues were totally neglected.

Employment generating industries were not coming to North Karnataka and the youths were depending upon only on the sugar factories and other small industries, he said adding that there has been no development in the State in the last one year.

District Minister launches development works in Kumbarakoppal

Mysuru, Sept. 19 (PM&SSV)- District Minister S.T. Somashekar launched a series of development works at Kumbarakoppal in Chamaraja Assembly Constituency in the city yesterday.

The function was held at K. Puttaswamy Circle near Adishakthi Temple in Kumbarakoppal. MLA L. Nagendra, Corporators K.V. Sridhar, M.U. Subbaiah and Usha Kumar and ex-MLC D. Madegowda were present.

The Minister said that the State Cabinet in its last meeting has cleared Rs. 110 crore project to switch over to LED bulb street lights all over the city on pilot basis. This project was moved by the City MLAs S.A. Ramdas and Nagendra, and Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa approved it. Another project proposal of Rs. 150 crore is pending before the Government, he added.

Nagendra said Rs. 200 crore proposal will be submitted to the Government for overall development of the Constituency. No Legislator in the past had got so much of funds that he had brought from the State Government in the last one year.

So far, Rs. 5 crore has been spent on development of the Constituency. The renovation of a bus shelter at K. Puttaswamy Circle is being taken up at a cost of Rs. 35 lakh.

To mobilise revenue

City Corporation begins Trade Licence Drive

Mysuru, Sept. 19 (SBD&DM)- In yet another effort to mobilise funds, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has launched a Mobile Trade Licence renewal drive.

Yesterday, the MCC's Zone-3 officials led by Zonal Commissioner T.S. Satyamurthy, carried out the drive at Dattagalli, collecting Rs. 1.28 lakh from shops in about ten commercial complexes. The officials also shut down three shops for failure to pay tax dues.

Speaking on the occasion, Satyamurthy said that following directions from MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hedge, the Trade Licence issuance and renewal drive has been launched. Although commercial establishments were issued notice a month ago for renewal of trade licence, they neglected it.

During the drive, it was discovered that some shops have been running business without any trade licence for over three years and now, the licence fee, along with penalty, has been collected from them, he said.

Pointing out that Rs. 1.87 lakh was collected during the drive on Wednesday, Satyamurthy said that Friday's collection was Rs. 1.28 lakh.

Noting that Rs.44 lakh has been collected so far this year, he said that the Zone has set a target of Rs. 1 crore and efforts were on to achieve the target by the end of this financial year.

Zonal Engineers Anant, Chetan Babu and Srikanth, Health Inspectors Prabhakar, Prakash and others took part in the drive.

WORD OF THE DAY

Heyday

Pronunciation: HAY-day.
Meaning: The period of one's greatest popularity, vigor, or prosperity.
Origin: In its earliest appearances in English, in the 16th century, heyday was used as an interjection that expressed elation or wonder (similar to our word hey, from which it derives). Within a few decades, heyday was seeing use as a noun meaning "high spirits." This sense can be seen in Act III, scene 4 of *Hamlet,* when the Prince of Denmark tells his mother, "You cannot call it love; for at your age / The heyday in the blood is tame...." The word's second syllable is not thought to be borne of the modern word day (or any of its ancestors), but in the 18th century the syllable's resemblance to that word likely influenced the development of the now-familiar use referring to the period when one's achievement or popularity has reached its zenith.
Example: "The theatre engaged Mr. Leslie 'Les' Jones to build and paint the sets. He was in his early sixties when I arrived—he'd been a legendary scene painter during the heyday of vaudeville." — Kate Bornstein

THE ODD WORD

Hagiology

Study of saints.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Head over heels

Meaning: To fall "head over heels" for someone is to feel a romantic interest for them; Someone that had a bad fall (example, He fell head over heels down the the stairs).
Origin: By the looks of it, this phrase has an older, inverted form that goes "heels over head." This inverted form referred to someone who had fallen down. For example, in the London Annual Register newspaper, printed on January, 1766, it reads:
"Being thrown with great vehemence from a projecting crag, which turned him heels over head, he fell down perpendicular upwards of fifty yards into a snow drift at the boot of a cliff, where he lay above half an hour before his companions could get to him to take him up."
According to WorldWideWords, it was by the end of the 18th century that this idiom changed from the inverted version to "head over heels," the one people are familiar with today. This newer version referred to someone who had fallen, not on the ground, but in love. An example of this comes from a book titled *A Narrative of the Life of David Corckett,* 1834:
"I soon found myself head over heels in love with this girl."

QUOTE BOX

If high heels were so wonderful, men would be wearing them.

—Sue Grafton

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Apple Pie.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

3	5	7	1	6	9	8	4	2
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Pounds per sq in.
4 Cakes And ___ : Somerset Maugham's famous novel
7 High Power Amplifier
10 Grandmaster's rating
11 Central American Indian people
13 Weld or fasten together
14 Murmurs in discontent
16 Has or possesses
17 Striving or slaving ?
19 Latter part of the day
21 Aircraft Sys. Controllers
24 Cast _ __ wide : search a large area? (1,3)
25 Split open - "his cede" anagram?
27 Heavenly food
29 Performed in front of an audience
30 Eight-sided figure
33 "Last Days of Pompeii" role
34 Neither his nor hers
35 Liken his exchange to capital in Europe
38 Ancient or eternal
39 Very serious
42 Persons who lead a strict life of self denial
46 Hindu lawgiver
47 Rime - "Roha" anagram?
48 Tutelary god in ancient Rome
49 "It is" contraction
50 Nickname used for the late Mr. Bevan
51 Popular TV show hosted by Big B

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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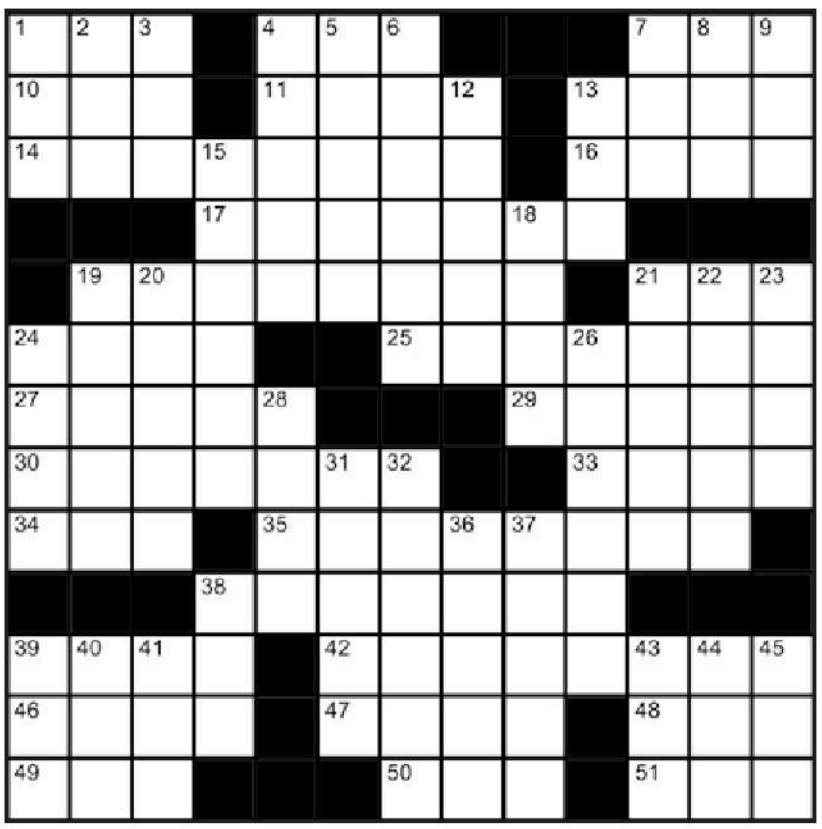
DOWN

1 Wooden nail or pin
2 Camera type
3 Debt note (abbr.)
4 Indonesian island - "No MBA" anagram
5 Mr Modi of IPL fame
6 Skin over eye
7 __areyou:apopulargreeting?
8 Brooch
9 Ques. companion
12 Lay ___ : abandon or reject
13 Slow run
15 Sicilian spouter (2,4)
18 Ms Dhupia of Bollywood
19 Establish by law
20 ___ one's spleen on : scolds or ill-treats without cause?
21 __Villa: famous football club?
22 I ___ trouble: I feel or perceive trouble?
23 Surrender or relinquish
24 Mine, in Aix
26 Most frigid
28 Excitedly expectant
31 Kind of sorcery practiced in the West Indies
32 Wrestling hold
36 Rot away
37 Grenoble river
38 Asian river __ Darya
39 Greenwich Mean Time
40 Bollywood's Aishwarya __ Bachchan
41 Election winners
43 Class or kind
44 Taxi in the US
45 Sys. and Research Centre



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

R BISSY WSNB YSO ZYST OUN ORBON SJ BSXI, YSV

R PNRVYNW JSSP OUN ORBON SJ TMBWSE.

TODAY'S CLUE: O EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: No matter what side of the argument you are on, you always find people on your side that you wish were on the other.

Don't penalise passenger tempo owners: MLA

Mysuru, Sept. 19 (MTY&DM)- Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda has asked KSRTC authorities not to penalise tempo owners who have been ferrying passengers from Yelwal to city daily. The MLA's 'direction' comes following an appeal from tempo owners who complained of fines levied by KSRTC authorities.

A delegation of tempo drivers and owners met the MLA who had come to take part in a Government programme at Kalamandira on Thursday and submitted a memorandum to him explaining their plight.

Acting on their plea, Devegowda called KSRTC Mysuru City Divisional Controller Nagaraj over phone and asked him not to penalise the owners and drivers of tempos which travel between Yelwal and city.

Nagaraj told the MLA that the tempo drivers stop at the entry of KSRTC Bus Stand and at bus shelters for picking up passengers which was against rules. Also, they are often found preventing passengers from boarding KSRTC buses. Private passenger vehicles are barred from stopping within 200 mts. distance from the KSRTC Bus Stands or shelters for picking up passengers. As such, only those tempo drivers found violating the rule are being penalised and there is nothing wrong in it, Nagaraj pointed out.

After hearing Nagaraj's reply, the MLA advised tempo drivers and owners to follow the rules and avoid getting penalised.

Professional artistes appeal to hold Dasara cultural events

Mysuru, Sept. 19 (RKB&DM)- With the Government deciding to conduct Dasara in a simple manner this year on account of the outbreak of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic, the Mysuru City and District Cultural and Professional Artistes' Association has appealed the Government to hold Dasara cultural events this year too and come to the aid of artistes.

Addressing a press meet here recently, Association General Secretary M. Puttaswamy said that artistes were facing severe crisis due to Corona pandemic, with virtually no cultural events held for over six months. In such a distressing situation, the Government should come to their help by holding Dasara cultural events as before, while giving prominence to local artistes.

Pointing out that the authorities must give preference only to local and native artistes for the cultural programmes to take place in the Palace premises, Puttaswamy wanted the Government to hold Dasara cultural programmes at other venues such as Kalamandira, Jaganmohan Palace, Dufferin Clock Tower, Town Hall, Ganabharathi and Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha and thus come to the rescue of artistes who are in deep financial crisis, with no earnings for months.

He warned that artistes will be forced to stage a protest if their demands are not met.

Association office-bearers were present at the press meet.

Over 160 women undergo health check-up at camp

Mysuru, Sept. 19 (MTY&DM)- More than 160 women underwent a health check-up at the four-day camp organised by Narayana Multispeciality Hospital and ODP (Organisation for the Development of People) from Sept. 14 to 17 at Kiriya Pushpa Trust premises in Mysuru South.

As part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Specialist Doctors from Narayana Hospital — Amrutha, Prasad and Sheetal — conducted health check-ups on people who had registered for the camp.

Women from localities such as Ashokapuram, P.K. Colony, Vidyaranyapuram, Bannimantap, Ramabainagar, J.P. Nagar, Nachanahallipalya, Srirampura, K.R. Vanam, Mahadevapura and Devayyanahundi attended the camp and underwent check-up for Diabetes, Blood Pressure (BP), Breathing problems and such other ailments.

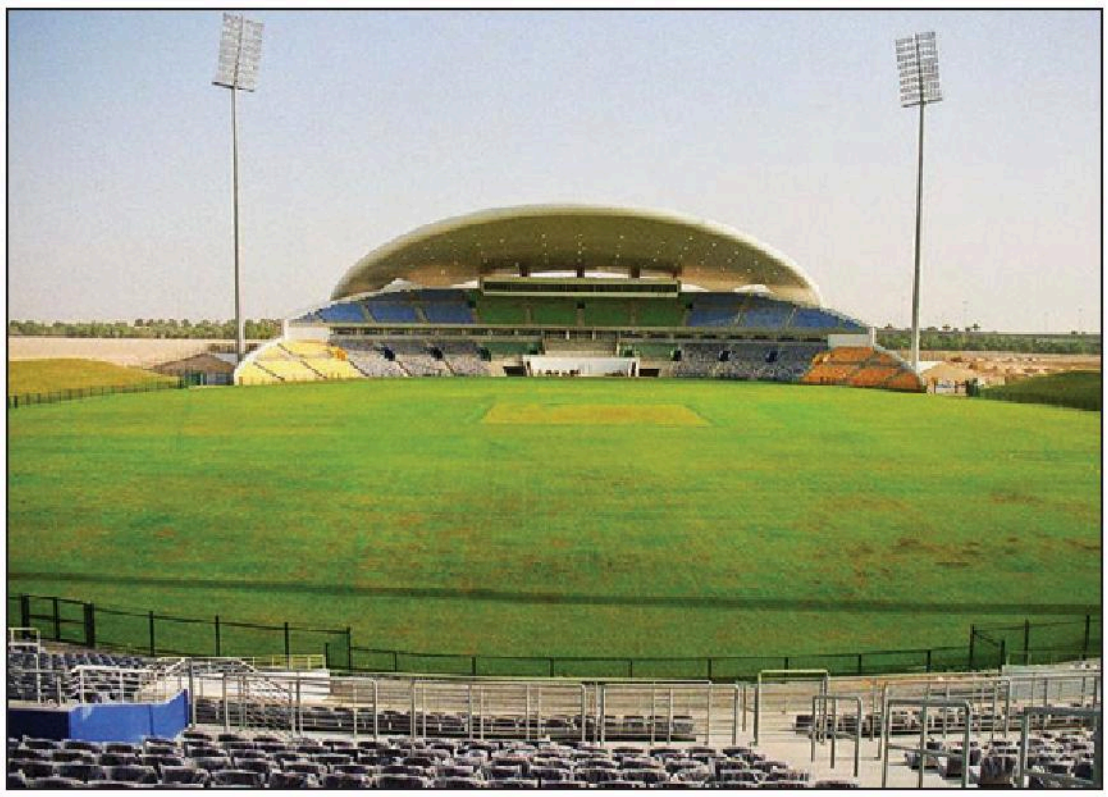
Dr. Amrutha gave a talk on the precautionary and safety measures to be taken, the nutritious foods to be taken for immunity boosting and consumption of boiled water in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic.

The team of doctors who were part of the camp were felicitated at the valedictory held on Thursday.

ODP Director Fr. Alex Prashanth Sequeira, Programme Co-Ordinator Yamuna, Melwin, Kiriya Pushpa Trust's Jayabalan, Bhagya, Manchamma and others were present.

After all the hue and cry...

Silent stands will greet Indian Premier League 2020



The IPL 2020 opener will be held at Sheikh Zayed Stadium at Abu Dhabi, UAE, today [Courtesy: Internet]

Abu Dhabi, Sept. 19 (Agencies)- With the COVID-19 pandemic creating chaos worldwide, sports, like everything else, went into lockdown with no end in sight. So, when the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced on April 15 that IPL 2020 had been postponed "indefinitely", that sounded rather final. But the event had just too much invested in it by the franchises and other stakeholders to be done away with, so, after a lot of juggling, which included deferring the ICC T20 World Cup, fresh dates were set from Sept. 19.

The next thing to hit the tournament was the backlash after the border face-off with China, with outrage being directed at the title sponsors, a Chinese mobile phone company. So, the BCCI and the IPL Governing Council had to do some more firefighting before a new title sponsor was found.

While the IPL was in the news as a whole, individual players and one franchise particularly added to the drama, with M.S. Dhoni, Suresh Raina, Harbhajan Singh and Chennai Super Kings (CSK) making headlines.

First came Dhoni, announcing his retirement from International Cricket with a terse social media post on Aug. 16 evening. Soon after, Raina too followed suit.

Then Raina suddenly announced that he was returning to India for "personal reasons" and though he later indicated that he could go back, that chapter is yet to be written. Soon thereafter, Harbhajan Singh too announced he would be missing IPL 2020. He didn't leave India at all.

While all of this was going on, 13 members of the CSK squad, including players Deepak Chahar and Ruturaj Gaikwad tested positive for Coronavirus and the spectre of the tournament being suspended loomed again.

However, none of that happened and as things stand, CSK will indeed meet defending champions Mumbai Indians (MI) when rivalries begin at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium at Abu Dhabi on Sept. 19.

Ironically, after all the hue and cry, silent stands will greet IPL 2020. But that has been the won't of all sporting events worldwide. As for how the sides will fare is a mystery, as is the quality of the pitches that will host the matches at Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Sharjah.

But all said and done, IPL 2020 is well and truly underway and for the beleaguered people of India, could well be an escape they so desperately need.

IPL 2020

Today's Match (SEPT. 19)

MI Vs CSK
Sheikh Zayed Stadium, Abu Dhabi, **7.30 pm (IST)**

Tomorrow's Match (SEPT. 20)

DC Vs KXIP
Dubai Intl. Cricket Stadium, Dubai, **7.30 pm (IST)**

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EVENTS TODAY (SEPT. 19)

JSS Mysore Urban Haat: Handicrafts Mela, JSS Mysore Urban Haat premises, Outer Ring Road junction, Hebbal, **up to 9 pm.**

Gravity Science Foundation, Chamarajanagar and Karnataka Science and Technology Academy (KSTA), Department of Science and Technology, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru: Online Monthly Science Lecture Series - 02, talk on 'Pleasure of Being a Science Student' by Dr. S.M. Shivaprasad, Scientist, Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), Bengaluru and Director, Karnataka Higher Education Academy, Government of Karnataka, **4.30 pm.** [Webinar will be conducted through Cisco Webex. 'Cisco Webex' Link will be shared with the registered participants through their registered e-mail ID. For registration, log on: *https://forms.gle/LDYaXnXYRYhBThq48;* For details, contact Mob: 97420-65065]

Rangayana, Mysuru: Official announcement of birth anniversary of B.V. Karanth (Sept. 19) as 'Bharatiya Theatre Music Day' by renowned, senior and accomplished music director of legendary Gubbi Company, Paramasivan, Bhoomigeeta auditorium, Rangayana premises, **4.30 pm.**

Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha: Weekly online concert series - Vocal concert by Vidushi Koviladi R. Kala, accompanied by senior artistes Vid. C.N. Thyagaraju on violin, Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. G.S. Ramanujan on ghata, Sabha YouTube channel, **5 pm.**

Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM): Guru Manthan - Discussions on Education, Discussion on 'Ethical Dilemmas - Teachers, Schools & Education System,' in conversation with Anil Swarup, former Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India and Author of 'Ethical Dilemmas of a Civil Servant,' [Zoom: Meeting ID - 87413902094; Password - v-lead], **7 pm to 8 pm.**

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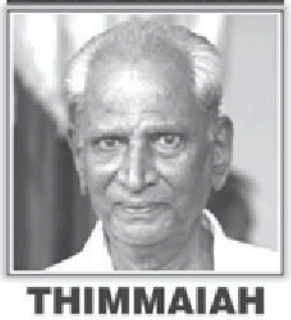

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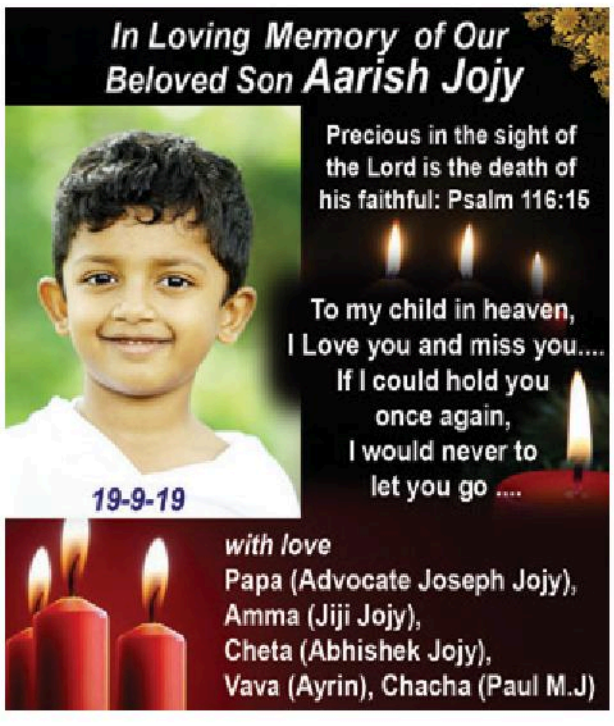
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